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**Representative Becky Nutt (R-14)**

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## **Representative Becky Nutt Introduces Legislation to Establish Rural STEM Program Fund**

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative Becky Nutt (R-14) last week introduced [HB 2457](#), which establishes a Rural STEM Program Fund consisting of private gifts, grants, and contributions that would be administered directly by the Arizona Department of Education.

STEM education is an academic discipline that integrates science, technology, engineering and mathematics and encourages hands-on approaches to learning for K-12 students.

**“STEM programs are essential for educating Arizona students in subjects increasingly in demand in our growing economy,”** said Representative Nutt. **“With a far more challenging situation for schools in rural communities, this program is essential to offering high-quality education opportunities in schools across the state.”**

Rural schools with 300 students or less in counties with populations of 300,000 or less would be eligible for the program.

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